products have also been put up by the oil companies at Kandla. During last three years 26 new schemes costing about Rs.2086 crores have been sanctioned for providing port facilities at Major Ports. These facilities, when commissioned during 9th Plan period, will yield an additional capacity of around 40 million tonnes.

(b) During 8th Five-Year Plan, an outlay of Rs.3216 crores has been provided for development in Port Sector. As against this, around Rs. 1369 crores have already been utilised so far.

(c) The modernisation of port facilities includes the modern container terminals developed at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Madras, Cochin and Calcutta Ports, modern bulk handling facilities for handling fertilizers provided at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, modern oil handling facilities developed at New Mangalore and Mumbai Ports, replacement of old submarine pipelines undertaken at Mumbai, new oil jetties taken up for construction at Kandla and Visakhapatnam, state of the art mechanised coal handling facilities under implementation at Paradip a brand new Major Port for handling mechanised coal handling facilities under implementation at Ennore near Madras, modern general cargo berths completed at Paradip and Visakhapatanam and new cargo handling cranes with current technology being provided at the ports of Madras and Kandla. Further introduction of modern vessel traffic management system (VTMS) is in progress at the ports of Mumbai and Calcutta. Modern facilitations system are also being increasingly introduced in Major Ports Efforts are already on towards introduction of electronic data interchange (EDI) in the Port Sector

**Economic Reforms**

307 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state

(a) whether the India Development Forum has recently cautioned India against slowing down economic reforms

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto, and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) Participants of the India Development Forum meeting held in June 1995 indicated their strong appreciation for the progress made by India with its reform programme but also noted the unfinished reform agenda that lies ahead

(c) and (d) Suggestions made by different groups and individuals are kept in view by the Government while formulating appropriate economic policies.

*[Translation]*

**Bridges over National Highways**

308. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the name of bridges built over the National High-ways, State-wise, during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government have given high priority for completion of incomplete bridge projects in various States during the Eighth Plan; and

(c) if so, the achievements made in this regard during the said period, State-wise and project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) State-wise details are enclosed in statement-I.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) State-wise details are enclosed in Statement-II.

**STATEMENT-I**

| S.No | State | No of bridge works completed |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 2 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 |
| 3. | Assam | 11 |
| 4 | Bihar | 0 |
| 5 | Delhi | 0 |
| 6 | Goa | 0 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 16 |
| 8 | Haryana | 0 |
| 9 | Himachal Pradesh | 0 |
| 10 | J & K | 0 |
| 11 | Karnataka | 0 |
| 12 | Kerala | 0 |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 0 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 11 |
| 15 | Manipur | 0 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 1 |
| 17 | Nagaland | 0 |
| 18 | Orissa | 1 |
| 19 | Punjab | 1 |
| 20 | Rajasthan | 7 |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | 8 |
| 22 | Uttar Pradesh | 2 |
| 23 | West Bengal | 2 |
| | Total | 62 |

**STATEMENT-II**

| S. No. | State | Bridge works ongoing as on 1.4.92 | Bridge works ongoing as on 30.9.95 | Bridge works completed during 92-96 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| 3. | Assam | 31 | 16 | 15 |
| 4. | Bihar | 24 | 21 | 3 |
| 5. | Delhi | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6. | Goa | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 7 | Gujarat | 23 | 8 | 15 |
| 8 | Haryana | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 26 | 14 | 12 |
| 10. | J & K | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Karnataka | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| 12. | Kerala | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 42 | 15 | 27 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 45 | 5 | 40 |
| 15. | Manipur | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 16 | Meghalaya | 9 | 2 | 7 |
| 17 | Nagaland | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 18 | Orissa | 14 | 7 | 7 |
| 19 | Punjab | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| 20 | Rajasthan | 15 | 3 | 12 |
| 21 | Tamil Nadu | 12 | 4 | 8 |
| 22 | Uttar Pradesh | 16 | 11 | 5 |
| 23 | West Bengal | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| | Total | 331 | 142 | 189 |

*[English]*

**Privatisation of PSUs.**

310 SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to privatise some of the public sector units.

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal with the Government to privatise any public sector enterprise at present.

**Kanyakumari-Mysore National Highway**

311 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether any proposal for construction of a National Highway from Kanyakumari to Mysore via Kerala is under consideration of the Union Government and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G VENKATRAMAN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

**Accidents by Red Line/Blue line Buses**

312 SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Youth died 32 injured as Blue Line bus overturns" appearing in the Times of India dated June 20, 1996,

(b) is so the details thereof and action taken in the matter,

(c) the number of persons killed/injured by Redline and Blueline buses in Delhi during each of the last three years

(d) the reasons identified for such accidents;

(e) whether the rate of accidents by the above buses has shown a higher trend as compared to DTC buses during the above period,

(f) if so, the details thereof, and

(g) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to minimise the accidents by private bus operators and also to ensure that these bus operators do not misbehave with passengers and do not over-charge for tickets?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G VENKATRAMAN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) As per information received from Delhi Traffic Police, on 19.6.96 at about 10.45 p.m. an accident involving a Blueline bus took place at outer Mehrauli Road - Andheria Mod in which one person died and 31 injured The driver responsible for the accident was arrested and an FIR was registered at Police Station Mehrauli A show cause notice for suspension/ cancellation of permit was also issued by the Government of N.C.T of Delhi.